

REMARKS

Applicant hereby requests further examination of the subject application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

Examiner regarded the amendment to claim 12 as confusing and apparently incomplete. In a telephone conference initiated by undersigned patent agent, examiner explained that the term “support” can be misconstrued to mean the kind of support that is used as a catalyst support. Applicant concurred that the term “support” is apparently too ambiguous for the chromatography tube and should not have been used.

Applicant has amended claim 12 to recite structure of a chromatography column as a tube having disposed therein a monolithic carbon stationary phase.

Applicant amended paragraph [00103] of the specification to restore the original language.

Applicants earnestly solicit allowance of claims 1-52, and the issue of U.S. letters patent therefor. Applicant has made every effort to present claims which clearly distinguish over the cited art, and it is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. However, applicant requests that the Examiner call the undersigned (direct line 865-574-4178) if anything further is required by the Examiner prior to issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all claims.

Respectfully Submitted,

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